

Remarks:

The Office has objected to the Oath/Declaration as being defective because the mailing address of each of the inventors is not identified. The application data sheet provided herewith includes the mailing address for each of the inventors. It is believed that the application data sheet remedies the issue. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same subject matter as that of claim 1 of U.S. Patent Number 6,713,496, to which the instant application claims priority.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the compound of formula (I), wherein $n=0$, and wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 are hydrogen. Claim 1 of the instant application is not coextensive in scope with claim 1 of the '496 patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that all outstanding issues have been resolved, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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